

Preps Prepare For Loop Play

Top conference games are on schedule Friday night at Pasco and Walla Walla and the two tilts may go a long way toward determining where teams will be aligned when the season ends.

Traveling to Walla Walla will be the Richland Bombers, sixth-ranked in the Associated Press poll, and unbeaten in play this year. Host Walla Walla, also unbeaten, is third ranked in the poll.

The game is generally believed to be the big clash of prep football powers in Southeast Washington.

Although Richland has played Walla Walla for years, and sometimes twice a year, this will be the first time the showdown will count in the conference standings. Walla Walla, along with Yakima, entered the loop this year.

While that game is being played, another game between two leading conference foes will be going on at the Pasco field where the Bulldogs are host to Yakima.

It will mark the first time in recent years the two teams have ever played. Each has one defeat

in conference play — Pasco to Walla Walla and Yakima to Richland. And on that basis, the game is rated something of a tossup.

Kennewick will be idle Friday night, but will play another non-conference game Saturday night. Its foe for that one will be Moses Lake. The game was scheduled for Saturday at the request of the visiting team.

In the injury column, both Pasco and Richland appear to be in shape for the big ones, and both coaches will conduct light workouts in preparation for the games.

Richland was idle last week, and there will probably be no major change in the starting lineup from the week before when it waxed Hermiston.

Coach Dwight Pool of Pasco is also unlikely to change the winning combination which ran over Milton - Freewater, Ore., last week.

At Kennewick, where the Lions have been beset by injuries, coach Vern Tucker quips "I'll have to see who is out."

However, despite the injuries, he may be in better shape for the Moses Lake game, for some of those hurt earlier this year are back in the lineup again.

Tucker has worked his team largely on defense — which he considers the big weakness of the Lions. Offensively, he feels the team can move, and will score as long as it does not fumble or drop passes.

Meanwhile, as the preps prepare for weekend play, Columbia Basin College is working out getting set for its game Saturday night against Whitman College junior varsity.

Jim Gibson, former Richland prep player, will probably be out as the result of a leg injury received in the Wenatchee game. Les Wilson, Charleston, S. C., back, has returned to the lineup.

Game time for all tilts is 8 p.m.

Knox Signs With Stamps

CALGARY, Alta. (AP) — Ronnie Knox, the wandering international gridiron celebrity, signed a contract Wednesday with the Calgary Stampeders.

The former UCLA quarterback signed with the last place club of the Western Interprovincial Football Union only a week after quitting the Hamilton Tiger Cats in a huff over not getting to play enough.

He had been with Hamilton only a brief period after having left UCLA because he would have been allowed to play in only five games under the conference disciplinary crackdown on the Los